

# Read Around the Planet\*

## TWICE Video Conference Event

English & World Languages: February 22 - March 5



### Celebrate Read Around the Planet!

Read Around the Planet is a celebration of NEA's Read Across America. Classrooms use interactive video to connect with other classrooms "around the planet" and read to each other. The activity is sponsored by [TWICE](http://twice.cc) and Polycom, in cooperation with NEA.

TWICE provides the **registration tool**, **matches classrooms** with partners, and provides **support documents**. Participating classrooms are responsible for their own video connection and developing their own reading activities for the event.

*\*Disclaimer. While we are using this name to be inclusive to our international friends, this name does NOT guarantee U.S. schools an international connection. They will be matched randomly as usual in this project.*



### Participate in English or World Languages!

This activity is open to all K-12 students (ages 6-18) in public and private schools who have access to two-way interactive video equipment (IP H.323 or ISDN H.320). If you are unsure whether or not you have access to this type of equipment, check with your school's technology coordinator.

Your class will be matched with a class from a different location and each class will exchange reading activities.

World language classes will receive a match with the same language, but may not be the same grade level.

Classroom to classroom connections will take place **February 22 – March 5, 2010**.

Each connection is scheduled for an hour: 15 minutes for testing connections and introductions; 30 minutes for the reading activity (15 minutes per class); and 15 minutes for exchanging information about respective schools and communities. Activities can range from reading a favorite book passage, to a "battle of the books" format - see the box for other ideas.



### Activity Timeline

**September 2009 - January 8, 2010:** Videoconference Equipment Verification.

**December 1, 2009 - January 13, 2010:** Teacher Registration

**January 14-22, 2010:** Leftover Registration

**By January 29, 2010:** Partner Class Information emailed out and available online.

**Feb 22-Mar 4, 2010:** Connections occur.



### Registration and More Information

Register online at the TWICE website:

<http://projects.twice.cc>

### Read Around the Planet Activity Ideas

- Skits - Plays
- Raps - Songs
- Illustrations (check the format of your document camera first!)
- Dramatizations
- Student-created books
- "Battle of the Books"

more ideas:

[www.twice.cc/read](http://www.twice.cc/read)

[www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross)

